

Dedham, Dec. 15. 1846.

Part of letter from
E Quincy the next
personal

Dear Caroline:

According to my promise, I send herewith
by post, a corrected copy of the Report. Though I protest I am
almost ashamed that anybody should see it. It is good
except for me, for I purchased the spirit, & resisted my natural
tongue, which pleaded trumpet against letting themselves
rippe have anything to do with the Report. The misprints,
the paper, the punctuation are all dreadful. Our friends
the Dana Sparrow J's are rather priggish, but sure, but
they have good types & know how to print, & they shall have
the report hereafter & forever, while I write it. I am absolutely
ashamed to have it go to Sup. When you see the ridiculous mis-
prints, you will agree that the Recording Angel would be
perfectly justified by the provocation, if I did swear at little
at them, for dropping a tear on the oath & blotting it out forever.
I shall write to Maria tomorrow to advise her not to send
any Reports to any Smart People, without correcting the
worst of the mistakes in the margin. But things must
be as they may, until another year, & then if I let any-
body's humanity come between my Report & a good printer,
I hereby give you leave to eat me with any sauce
you may prefer. I am fully resolved never to depart
from my instructions again, but take a religious
view always herewith & forever to so just as I like,
& make everybody else do the same. The point is, as

I have often said, I am altogether too amiable. I have had no fault, & that is I am too good. But I shall endeavor to correct this hereafter.

Talking of swearing, what ^{fault} do you think Graham found with the Haunted Adiputant? This propriety! He said that several pious ladies who read the Magazine were shocked to death & that certain newspapers were torn upon me. I told him that I supposed they expected me to make a Captain & Adiputant in a marching regiment, seventy years ago, talk like a Philadelphia Quaker, or a Methodist parson. But I did n't think I had made the Adiputant swear more than was good for his health & the consistency of his character. I told him moreover that I doubted not those squeamish ladies & gentlemen would swallow a camel, - yes a whole brood of camels, without making a wry face. But I thought it rather rich than otherwise, that this accusation should be brought against me. Truly, great is Flummery!

Since the Annual Meeting, I have been in town only twice, & there heard nothing in especial. The first time was on the Friday evening after you went, when we had a Board Meeting of the Trapt^{ts}, succeeded by one of the Am. Soc. At the Trapt^{ts} meeting we discussed the agents & voted to employ Pillsbury, Addison Davis & Charles C. Burleigh (if he would come for the same rate & salary he receives in Penn^a). Cyrus was laid on

the truth, until it could be ascertained whether he was
willing to act heartily with us, & was thoroughly cured of
Dogsheadism. This task was appointed to Maria, but she has since
told me that she has shifted it off upon Ganesan. So, of course
the letter will never be written. But I believe she intends
writing an Epistle General, on behalf of the Board, which will
dear the any chaff that may be running the wheel on our thresh-
-ing floor. I think you will allow that, if great things
be done by this corps, the Lord has again chosen the weak
things of the world to confound the things that are mighty.
There was besides Stebbins of N. Y. who was to be sent for.
Remond I think was not mentioned; - but I suppose could
be had, if he does not go as an Extraordinary Ambassador
to Haiti. I also wish to Thos. J. Stone, at Mechanics, asking
him to come & work with us till the A. E. Convention, at the
same rate of salary he now receives & travelling expenses.
I have not heard from him as yet. Sumner Lane &
Hudson were left in the hands of Abner Peleber for the
present. At the meeting of the Am. B. we instructed Lydney
to report what he wished to be done about getting subscribers
to the Standard - what agents he could get for the work &
opening him whatever he recommended should be carried
out.

On Saturday I was in town again; but nothing in
particular had transpired. ~~And~~ ^{Lydney} had
not written to Maria - & in his letter to me, he said
nothing on this subject. I would send his letter if it
did not make this over receipt - & it will keep for a private

opportunity. Father Sprague has declined signing the Memorial, on the ground of his great age, & the distress it would cause his sons! I should like to have them stitched a little. I hope my sons will undertake to influence me fifty years hence, & see if I would n't break their heads. But, still, this is a measure & not a principle, & the good old man may be excused, from the weakness of his age. I could not learn any very satisfactory particulars of the Concert of the Rogers Family. Willard Williams was there, & he said "they did pretty well considering the storm!" There were about 250 present in all, - which I should think might have been got together by the joint influence of Procter & the Graham Tower, together with free tickets. Procter, I hear, was very busy with his spinning, & had paper put in all the papers. William said that "their voices were pretty - but very weak!" Wendell afterwards told me that Moody was there also, and said that the singing was poor. Of course, they can have no success, & the sooner it is made plain unto them the better. If Rogers have really lost all his property (what Pillsbury says is not believed in N. H.) he had better go & lawyer, or to editing a Lord's paper, than send his children about the country, as itinerant singers. The family dined at Francis Jackson's, of course. It will be a special providence, if they did n't stay there. I wonder whether he could have suffered the "Me" to be sent to him. If he had sent it back, I should hardly think that Rogers would have gone to dine with him. But a dinner is a dinner.

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after all, - that may account for the circumstance. Wendell
met Rogers in the street & bowed to him & R. returned his
bow, but in a "haughty & supercilious" manner. That is all
I want on the subject. I looked in vain for Maria's Pioneer
at the office - for further particulars. The pile about had been
accumulating since the beginning of the year was gone. So that
I suppose Clapp has been in & taken the hint - about, indeed,
might be considered one of those that are equivalent to a pick.
I have no doubt if mortified him severely; but I must confess
that I want to see the Pioneer. I sup it absurdities & little
wickednesses. I think we must make an arrangement with Mrs.
Tallan to send in her exchange copy. The Progg & Repe
Correspondences are too much to lose. In the last I saw Progg
had seen a Lord ^(in the street) & did n't think much of him; but, ^{you will be glad to hear,} Repe
is still determined to go with the mapes. &c. I hope you
approved of my attempt in the last Liberator to set the axis of
that miserable fanaticism in order before him, tracking the atten-
-down at the Annual Meeting. That was another occasion
on which I quenched the spirit & abstained from calling out
"Free trade!" as I had a call to do. That fanaticism shall not
have an opportunity of spoiling the next meeting & then complaining
that it was spoiled. Only, I hope Clapp took the last sentence
about the enemies of the cause representing the meeting as small
& himself, as it was intended.

At Maria's, I heard nothing new in particular. As
anona has been rec'd from Childs David, which makes it
probable that he is on some pilgrimage. Emma says that
Miss Henrietta Largent says that she had been in hopes that the
troubles of the Quakers were over; but, now, she knows that
as soon as Child Cauds in the island there will be another
earthquake! She thinks it is too bad to put such a Lord

not that ship! They have had letters from Warren, as
I presume you know. But in case you should not, know now
that he is well & doing well - making money whenever
body else is losing it, - & seems to be opening the eyes of
the world with his sword in a manner highly satisfactory
& himself. I can't possibly be in such luck as to be the first
to tell you this news again; but if I should, I'd not
momentarily & blow them up sky-high for their derelictions.
Emma went home on Saturday with the Duke of Devonshire,
intending to return today (Monday, 18th); but I presume
she is blocked up, like the rest of the world. The drifts
are very high hereabouts & the Railway completely filled in.
I suppose they will have to dig it out by spadepoll all the
length of our branch, if not to Boston. Our letters & news-
papers are, of course under embargo, & I have serious doubts
as to the time when you will get this important epistle.
I have a parcel for Maria Emma on my table w^{ch} should
have gone this morning but it cannot go till tomorrow certainly.
Waldo Emerson was to have lectured before an Lyceum to night,
& to have staid with me, & I was expecting to have a good
time. But I suppose it will be impossible for him to get
here - & it is better he should not, as ~~the snow~~ ^{the snow} would
keep many people away from his lecture. I myself am to
lecture next Friday (the regular) night, & shall let them
hear George Fox's heresies, ^{as} ~~again~~ they never heard ^{them} it. The
storm was so violent yesterday, that the Lord had to put up
with half a day's service in all the churches.

The principal piece of news in my private circle is my
father-in-law's selling his fine house in Beacon St. It was
the talk of the town for several days & I dare say I should